H-HERE SOME NEW POTENTIAL PROJECTS, MISS ADMIN
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK. SOME OF THEM LOOK QUITE PROMISING
OHOHO? LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THEM THEN.
MORE PROJECTS?
toss
WHAT?!?!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
AGAIN?!
THOSE WERE REALY GOOD!
YES, THEY WERE. BUT WE SIMPLY DONT HAVE THE STAFF FOR THEM.
I WANT MORE PROJECTS AND FASTER RELEASES!
AW CRAP, THE FANS ARE GOING TO BE PISSED.
OH WELL~
INSTEAD OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, THEY SHOULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT.
WE CAN'T DO ANYTING WITHOUT MORE STAFF. THESE PROJECTS DON'T CLEAN THEMSELVES YOU KNOW.
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WHA-
WHAT THE HELL!?
YOU ALL JUST SUDDENLY CHANGED YOUR BEHAVIOR!
OUR ALMIGHTY LORD...

YET AGAIN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS COMPLETELY CHANGED DURING THE TIME I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS.
THE FIGHT IN THE TEST ALLOWED ME TO SEE A CHANGE IN THE DEMONS AND DIDN'T AMOUNT TO ANY QUESTION.
WHAT IN THE HELL HAPPENED TO ME?
SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION OF IT, DID I BECOME A DIFFERENT PERSON?
...AS FAR AS THAT GOES, WILL THAT DEMON KING BE ABLE TO HIJACK MY BODY SOMEDAY?

WORRYING LIKE THAT IS UNNECESSARY, ROLAN-SAMA.

THE OUTERMOST CONSCIOUSNESS IS DEFINITELY STILL THAT OF ROLAN'S M
EVEN IF THE MEMORIES OF THE PAST TEMPORARILY RETURNED
FURTHERMORE, YOU HAVE THE MOST RECENT MEMORIES.
ROLAN-SAMA'S CONSCIOUSNESS IS ALSO ONE PART OF MY LORD.
AND NOT FOR THE "HUMAN ROLAN."
HOWEVER, I MUST NOT MISUNDERSTAND THE SITUATION. SHION IS CARRYING A ZEALOUS LOYALTY TOWARDS THE FORMER DEMON KING.
THERE'S NO MISTAKE IN WHAT THAT FAVORABLE SHION WAS SAYING

ALL OF HER EVALUATION CRITERIA IS CENTERED AROUND THE DEMON KING.... I MUST NOT FORGET THAT.

...HOWEVER, THANKS TO THAT VICTOR DESTROYING THE SKY SHIP WE NEED TIME TO REPAIR IT.
AND THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO URGENTLY FINISH MODIFYING MY USUAL LT WEAPON.
NIKE AND THE OTHERS HAVE ALL SHOWN THEIR ALLEGIANCE
BE THAT AS IT MAY, I SHOULD HAVE WELCOMED THE FLOW OF THE PRESENT CONDITIONS.
THEREFORE, IT'S BECOME A SITUATION WHERE I WILL NEED TO STAY A FEW MORE DAYS OUT OF NECESSITY
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THAT.
THE TELEGRAM FROM ETOILE SAID I GOT A LETTER FROM A WOMAN.
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THE CONTENTS WERE...
"THERE IS SOMEONE AFTER ROLAN'S LIFE."
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY SUCH WOMAN,
BUT I DO KNOW THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WANTING TO KILL ME.
SIAM
RIGHT NOW THE UNION'S ....

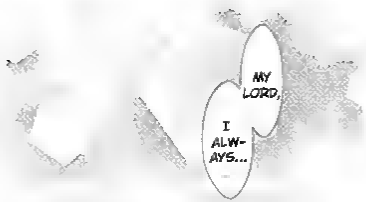
TAP
IF YOU SO DESIRE.

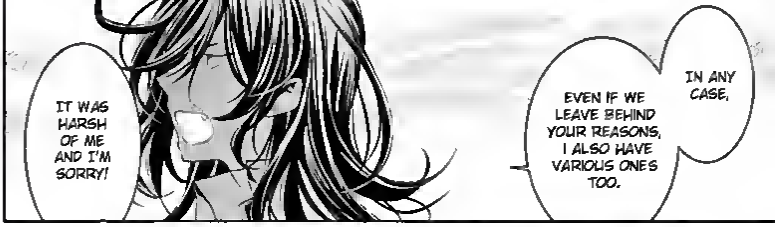
RUSTLE...
...YOU.

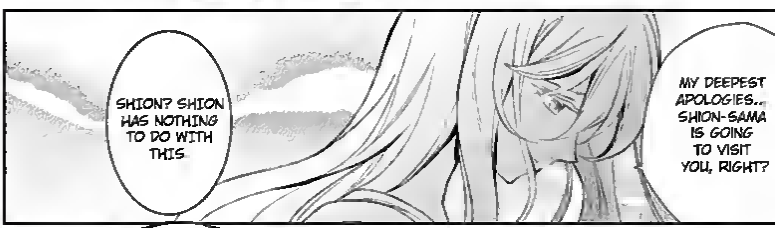
IF YOU ARE SO DISPLEASED THAT YOU'RE TREMBLING THEN THERE WAS NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME HERE.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE IT, I KNOW.
WHEN WE TALKED IN THAT CABIN?
THAT'S WHAT MY LORD SAID.
... BUT,

...I DIDN'T COME HERE JUST FOR THE SAKE OF THE ORDER YOU GAVE ME.
THA-T'S... ...THAT
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE MY RIGHT ARM ANYMORE?
YOU WENT FROM BEING SO DISTRUSTFUL TO SUDDENLY SNEAKING INTO MY ROOM?!
YOUR LITTLE BROTHER WOULD BE OPENLY WEEPING.
YOU COULD SEE THAT I WASN'T PLEASED, RIGHT?

IN THOSE DAYS...
...BUT,


MY LORD, I ALW-AYS...


IT WAS HARSH OF ME AND I'M SORRY!
EVEN IF WE LEAVE BEHIND YOUR REASONS, I ALSO HAVE VARIOUS ONES TOO.
IN ANY CASE,


SHION? SHION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES., SHION-SAMA IS GOING TO VISIT YOU, RIGHT?

MY LORD DOESN'T DO THINGS LIKE EXCHANGE EASY LOVE!
I UNDERSTAND, EVEN IF SHION-SAMA VISITS YOUR ROOM EVERY NOW AND THEN

I THINK YOU AND SHION ARE IN THE SAME POSITION IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.
WE'RE IN THE SAME POSITION!?

CLUTCH
THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT!?
I GUESS
RUSTLE
IF YOU'RE SATISFIED, THEN RETURN TO YOUR ROOM.
WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR ROOM TAKE MY CLOAK AND WEAR IT.
YOU'RE LETTING ME WEAR YOUR CLOTHING!
!!
THAT?
TRUTHFULLY, YOU HAVE AN INCREDIBLY CUTE PERSONALITY.

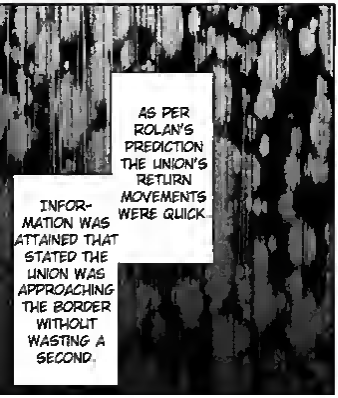
BOING
GAAAAH
SLAM
SHYLY
...IT'S BEEN A WHILE, GENUINE DEMON KING-SAMA.
GAH!
ANYWAY, JUST "ROLAN" IS FINE.
YOU WERE IN THAT SANCTUARY?
I WAS THERE PROP-ERLY.
WHEN I COME OUT, I CAN BECOME TRANS-PARENT.
THAT'S A PRETTY HANDY POWER, HUH?
GET RID OF THAT "GENUINE "

AS EXPECTED, JUST LIKE RENA, YOU ARE ALSO SNEAKING INTO MY ROOM AT NIGHT.
?
EHHHH!? NO WAY!
THAT... WOULD BE A HAPPY THING, BUT FOR ME IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
AH!
OR, COULD IT BE THAT ROLAN-SAMA DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THAT SORT OF THING?
CLAP
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'THAT SORT OF THING'?
THE AGE THAT YOU APPEAR TO BE?
WELL, WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?
UM... I WAS THINKING ABOUT SHOWING MY LORD MY FORM ACCURATELY.
SHYLY

I THOUGHT I'D COME HERE TO PROPERLY GREET YOU IN MY REAL FORM.
I DID THAT BEFORE AS WELL.
REAL FORM?
YOU CAN TRANS-FORM?
NO, NOT AS IT IS.
BUT, THIS FORM IS MY REALITY.
I HAVE ONLY SHOWN ROLAN-SAMA... I MEAN, THE DEMON KING.
NONE OF MY COMRADES NEED TO SEE THE REAL ME.

...WELL, FOR NOW I DON'T UNDERSTAND ONE THING BUT YOU ALSO ARE GETTING ALONG WITH ME PRETTY WELL, HUH?
...YES.
SQUEEZE
I WILL
DO MY BEST FOR ROLAN-SAMA.

BECAUSE OF THAT, LIM...
PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR PROMISE...
OKAY?
HEY... THAT DEMON KING.


AS PER ROLAN'S PREDICTION THE UNION'S RETURN MOVEMENTS WERE QUICK.
INFOR-MATION WAS ATTAINED THAT STATED THE UNION WAS APPROACHING THE BORDER WITHOUT WASTING A SECOND.

IRONICALLY, THAT INFORMA-TION TOOK FLIGHT DUE TO SHION'S ORDERS. BECAUSE SEVERAL DEMONS WERE BROUGHT ALONG THEY WERE ABLE TO SCOUT OUT THE FAR OFF DESTI-NATION OF THE UNION SOLDIERS.
THOSE GUYS COULD BE SEEN SCOUTING OUT THE UNION'S TERRITORY FROM THE SKY.

HE'S GOING TO LET ME COLLECT ALL THE DEBTS FROM THE PAST, ISN'T HE?

ETOILE AND THE OTHERS HEARD THAT FROM SHION.
THE LARGE ARMY THAT ESCAPED FROM THE PREVIOUS DEFEAT FILLED UP THE HORIZON
THE AMOUNT WAS 200,000.
...AMENTI HAD NO INTENTION OF ADVANCING WITH ALL THE INVADING TROOPS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
IT SEEMS HE HAS DISPATCHED DIVISIONS 2 AND 3 TO INVADE.
PROBABLY BECAUSE THE OVAL CASTLE FELL IN ONE RUSH, HE INTENDS TO CAPTURE THE ROYAL CAPITAL WITH HIS TROOPS.
..."USING COMMON SENSE ONE MUST ASSUME THAT THE MILITARY FORCE IS PROBABLY NOT DISPERSED."

---IS THE BLUNDER WE WERE CONVINCED OF
HOWEVER, DON'T WE HAVE ANY REINFORCEMENTS?
... IS THERE NOTHING ELSE THAT CAN BE DONE?
THE UNION BEING ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BORDER IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME.
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS DEFEND THE EMPIRE TO OUR VERY LAST MAN.
WE CERTAINLY HAVE THEM TO THANK FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN TOUR PREVIOUSLY.
BUT, IF YOU WERE TO ASK, THEY WERE ONLY FOLLOWING LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROLAN'S ORDERS!
WITH THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL'S CURRENT ABSENCE WE CANNOT COUNT ON THE DEMONS' WAR POTENTIAL!!
SWAM
REIN-FORCE-MENTS!?
THOSE GUYS ARE DEMONS! THEY CAN'T BE RELIED ON!

WELL THEN,
MY NIECE WAS SUCCESSFUL, I GUESS
RIGHT NOW SHE IS ACTING AS MY PROXY BUT EVENTUALLY SOMEONE WILL RISE UP TO REPLACE ME.
IF SOMEONE DIDN'T RISE UP AS THE SYMBOL OF THE COUNTRY IT'D BE TROUBLESOME.
H-HUH?
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?
...IT'S OF NO USE.
...HER HIGHNESS?

TO GET EVERYTHING BACK TO NORMAL WILL TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME FOR NOW THOUGH.
RIGHT NOW, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE HEIGHT OF ALL THE CONFUSION WE HAVE REFORMED THE CHAIN OF COMMAND IN OUR ARMY
EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE POSITION OF PROXY FOR MY UNCLE...
I'M GOING TO...
TELL HER HIGHNESS WITHOUT ANY CONCERNS FOR POLITENESS
EVEN IF WE LEAVE ALL OF THAT BEHIND, WE CAN SAY THAT OUR TROOPS ARE ON THE BRINK OF EXHAUSTION THANKS TO THE LONG YEARS OF WAR.
THE IDEA OF ATTACKING AN ENEMY OF 200,000 WITH A SMALL ARMED FORCE IN THE ORDER OF TENS OF THOUSANDS IS TO UNREASONABLE
AT LEAST THAT MANY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO GATHER IN THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL FROM VARIOUS PLACES
THIS IS A CIRCUMSTANCE WHERE IT'D BE A FOOLISH IDEA TO NOT COMMAND THE ARMY TO TAKE A MORE DEFENSIVE DIRECTION NEAR THE OVAL CASTLE.

A SIEGE BATTLE ...?
SIGH
A SIEGE ...!?
GASP
S
SURELY...
THE EMPIRE IS ALREADY OUT OF WAR POTENTIAL.
BECAUSE OF THAT, SUCH A FIGHT WOULD...
...WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT'S AN EXTREME OUTLOOK.

EVEN SO, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.
IN THE REMOTE PAST THAT PERSON ALSO TAUGHT ME THAT.
IT IS INDEED AN EXTREME OUTLOOK FOR SURE
BUT,
JOHANN'S WAY OF SAYING IT.
BA-DUMP
LISTEN UP, PRINC-ESS.
AS A TACTIC, I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR BESIEGING, BUT IT'S RELATIVELY EFFECTIVE.
HOW-EVER,

DOING A SIEGE SHOULD STOP BEING USED AS A "LAST MEASURE."
ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S NO HOPE OF RECEIVING ANY LARGE SCALE REINFORCE-MENTS, IT'S ABSOLUTELY, AND I MEAN, ABSOLUTELY, NO GOOD.
WHY?
BECAUSE IT'S LIKE ENTERING THE POINT OF DEATH.
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A LARGE ARMY SURROUNDED THE CASTLE FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES WERE CUT OFF AND WE WERE PULLED INTO A DRAWN-OUT WAR?
THEN NOTHING MORE COULD BE DONE.
IF THAT COMES TO BE WHAT WOULD YOU DO, PRINCESS?

THAT'S RIGHT.
AFTER THAT TRAITORS WOULD COME OUT AND EVERYTHING WOULD COLLAPSE FROM THE INSIDE, RIGHT?
THAT'S ONE OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES.
THE PRINCESS' CHOICE ISN'T INCORRECT BUT THEN THE BATTLE CAN'T BE WON, RIGHT?
?
WELL THEN, WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?
.....
SURRENDER... RIGHT?
THAT'S TODAY'S HOMEWORK
WHAT!?
ROLAN, YOU'RE SO MEAN!!
TOMORROW, BRING ALL YOUR NOTES.
WHAT'S THAT!? I'M JUST SAYING WHAT A TEACHER SHOULD SAY!

...I'M VERY MUCH AN AMATEUR WHEN IT COMES TO MILITARY AFFAIRS.
HOWEVER, PLEASE LET ME SPEAK.
ENTERING INTO AN AIMLESS SIEGE IS JUST LIKE ENTERING THE POINT OF DEATH.
I WAS TAUGHT THAT BY A CERTAIN PERSON IN THE PAST.
BESIDES, IN GENERAL THERE'S NO METHOD TO THAT PATH.
I THINK FOR NOW, THAT PLAN SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT.

...AH.
THESE PEOPLE
UNDERSTOOD THIS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

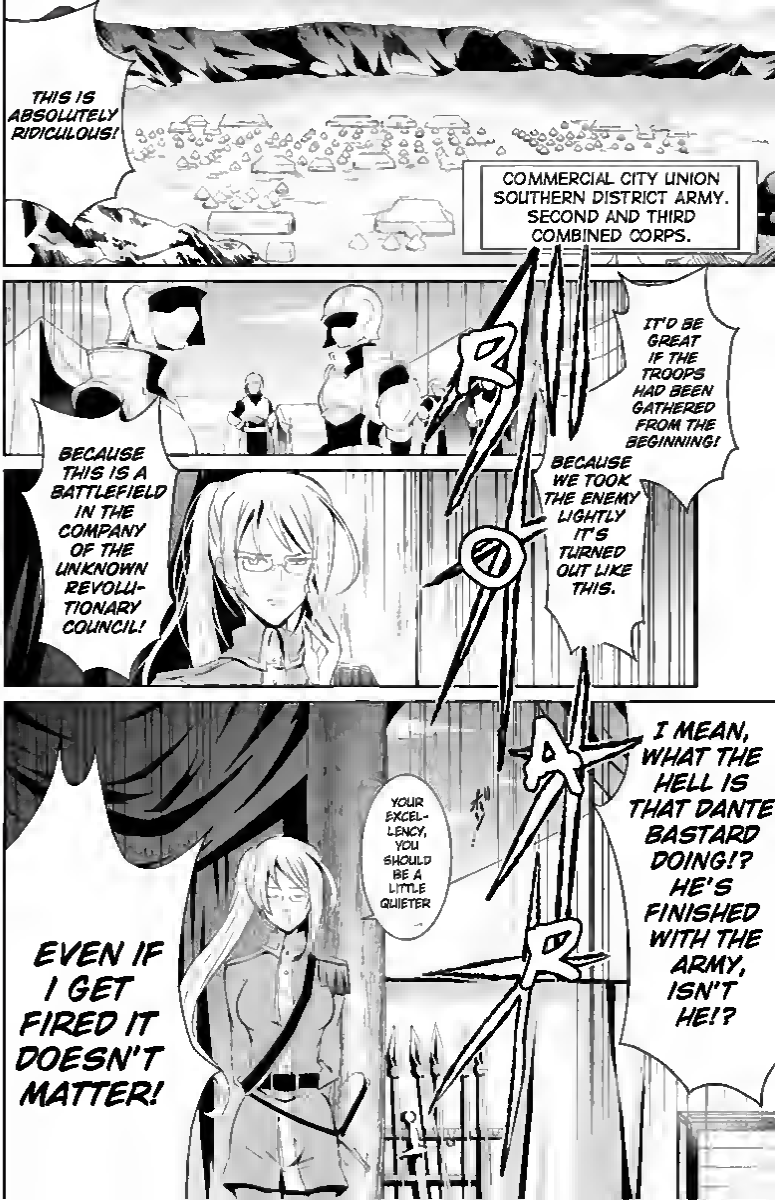
FROM THE BEGINNING EVERYONE WAS PREPARED AND INTENDING TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH.
A SIEGE BATTLE IS NOT A PLAN OF CERTAIN VICTORY...
THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT WANTING TO WIN... BUT,
THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN WIN LIKE THAT...
DO YOU HAVE A GOOD PLAN?
...YOUR HIGH-NESS

AT THAT TIME, WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO DO THE HOMEWORK,
I JUST BECAME ANGRY.
WHOOSH
WHAT WOULD YOU DO...
ROLAN...?

FURY.
WE WOULD NEVER FIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF HUM-ANS...
EVERY-THING IS FOR OUR ALMIGHTY LORD.
WHOOSH

YES...
EVERYTHING IS FOR OUR ALMIGHTY LORD.

FOR THE NEW WORLD WHERE ALL OUR COMRADES WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE PEACEFULLY.
...ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
...TODAY IS QUIET, HUH?


THIS IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!
COMMERCIAL CITY UNION SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARMY. SECOND AND THIRD COMBINED CORPS.
IT'D BE GREAT IF THE TROOPS HAD BEEN GATHERED FROM THE BEGINNING!
BECAUSE WE TOOK THE ENEMY LIGHTLY IT'S TURNED OUT LIKE THIS.
BECAUSE THIS IS A BATTLEFIELD IN THE COMPANY OF THE UNKNOWN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL!
I MEAN, WHAT THE HELL IS THAT DANTE BASTARD DOING!? HE'S FINISHED WITH THE ARMY, ISN'T HE!?
YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE QUIETER...
EVEN IF I GET FIRED IT DOESN'T MATTER!

THE NEW WEAPON FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS ARRIVED!
SNAP
WHAT?
AN LT WEAPON?
WHEN THAT HAPPENS I'LL TAKE THE PLACE OF MY FATHER AND I'LL BE THE HUNTER!!
MAJOR GENERAL FELTNER.
SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER. MAJOR GENERAL FELTNER.

WHOOSH
THA... THAT IS
ROAR
ROAR
SUCH A
NO WAY.

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